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APPENDIX IX.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 230 asked by Sri T. Veluchami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 28th April 1959, page 531 supra.]

*Details of the Educational Survey Report of the Tirunelveli Revenue District.*

As on the 31st March 1957, out of 3,424 rural habitations with a population of 1,698,320 in the district, 3,230 rural habitations with a population of 1,645,695, were served by elementary schools that were already existing. The population served was thus 96.9 per cent of the total population.

2. The school-age population (i.e., children within the age group 6-11) of the existing rural school areas is estimated at 205,712 being 12½ per cent of the total population. Of this school-age population, 191,094 are under instruction and 14,618 are not under instruction. That is to say, 92.8 per cent of school-age pupils in areas where Primary School facilities are available, are under instruction and 7.2 per cent are not under instruction.

3. If the district is taken as a whole, by clubbing the areas with educational facilities, and the areas without educational facilities, the school-age children of the rural areas of the entire district will be 212,290 being 12½ per cent of the total population. Of this, 191,094 have been enrolled up to 31st March 1957 in the existing schools and the percentage of enrolment is 90.0. Out of every 21 children of the Primary school-age group 6-11 in the district, 20 children are provided with educational facilities. Out of every 20 children thus provided with educational facilities, 19 attend school.

4. As per instructions issued during 1957-58 to open schools in habitations with a population of 500 and above, 26 schools were opened and these schools cater to the needs of 33 habitations with a population of 17,662. Instructions have also been issued to open schools in habitations with a population of 300 and above and they are being opened. It is hoped that schools will be opened in all the above habitations before 31st March 1960.